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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU TO HOST SIXTH ANNUAL MINORITY GRADUATES RECOGNITION DINNER

CHARLESTON – Faculty, staff, students and community members are invited to attend Eastern Illinois University's Sixth Annual Minority Graduates Recognition Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 5, in the University Union Grand Ballroom.

The dinner will recognize prospective May and December 2000 graduates.

"This 'family celebration' is an opportunity to congratulate all of this year's graduates and wish them great success in their future," said Johnetta Jones, EIU director of minority affairs. "Advisors, faculty and staff, parents and friends who have worked so hard to help these students graduate are particularly invited to join in this celebration."

The cost is \$13.50 for adults, \$10 for EIU students with I.D. (excluding honorees), \$8 for children ages 5 to 12, and children 4 years and under are free. Reservations must be made by 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, by calling the Minority Affairs Office at 581-6690.

Graduating students will receive a Kente cloth/Latino stole, a framed certificate and a picture.